

Otay Truck Route Widening Project

E-News Update #1

September 1, 2010



WELCOME TO THE E-NEWS UPDATE

The purpose of this E-News update is to **keep the residents, businesses, and trucking community informed** of the progress of the construction activities for the Otay Truck Route Widening Project. It is our goal to clearly communicate the important project milestones and facilitate the flow of accurate information.

It is essential that we communicate **what is needed from all stakeholders** to improve the traffic circulation for the more than 3,000 trucks that use this Port of Entry every day.

What truckers need to know:

We are asking that the trucking community **strictly adhere to the detour route. This is of paramount importance.** Please do not take short-cuts through area business parking lots. We need everyone's cooperation with this request to be 'good neighbors' during construction.

What area businesses need to know:

We are asking that the area businesses **anticipate the truck detour and advise their customers.** Please 'pardon our dust' as we have taken your needs into consideration during the design of this vital infrastructure project.

Southbound Commercial Traffic Instructions

- One legal left turn lane from Siempre Viva Road WEST to La Media Road SOUTH.
- No left turns from Avenida De La Fuente WEST to La Media Road SOUTH.
- No left turns allowed for trucks to Mexico from Airway Road WEST to La Media Road SOUTH.
- Truck traffic to Mexico restricted through De La Fuente Business Park on the following streets:
Avenida Costa Brava, Avenida De La Fuente, and Avenida Costa Azul
- The San Diego Police Department will monitor traffic as necessary and issue citations when warranted.
- During peak periods, a concerted effort will be made to keep as many gates open as possible to expedite the processing of trucks.

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES TWO-WEEK LOOK AHEAD

- Complete border fence relocation.
- Install curb on south side of road.
- Begin Phase 2 of construction.
 - ❖ *Route traffic to new south side.*
 - ❖ *Demo and prepare subgrade.*
 - ❖ *Install pipe slab rebar.*



Why is this important?

This project will:

- Improve traffic circulation.
- Improve visibility and security along the secondary border fence. This fence will be straightened and a hump in the road removed.
- Provide one lane to be reserved for U.S. Border Patrol, emergency access, and disabled vehicles.

This project is made possible through federal funding!



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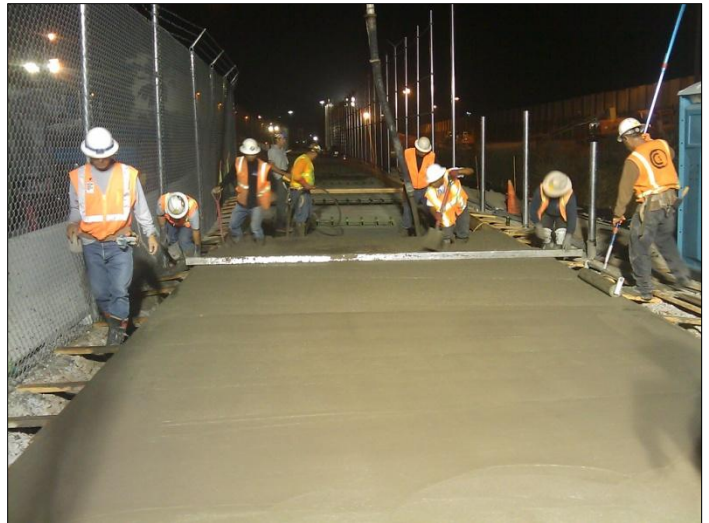


Lane Closures

- During construction, **Drucker Lane is closed to truck traffic** and is used by the contractor as a staging area with a construction trailer and parking for construction vehicles. The staging area was carefully selected to have the least impact to the community. With Drucker Lane closed for construction activities, the empty and express trucks are strategically being rerouted to La Media Road.
- The **truck route will be reduced to one lane** in the construction zone during the first two phases of construction. **Two lanes will be open to truck traffic when the third phase of construction begins during the week of September 20th!**



Crews remove secondary border fence and perform grading to remove hump in road



Crews pour pavement for Phase 1

Schedule of Construction Activities *Overview*

The contractor, LB Civil Construction, is working 10 hour days, Saturdays, and periodic night work to accelerate the schedule.

Construction Start: July 2010

Phase 1: Portion of secondary border fence removed and new section installed to straighten out fence. Grading performed to remove hump in road. South side of truck route lowered and realigned. **Truck traffic moved to single lane on the north side.**

Phase 2: Lower and realign north side of truck route and construct a retaining wall. Truck traffic moved to single lane on the south side.

(Anticipated Completion Date for Phases 1 and 2: the week of September 20th).

Phase 3: Widen the truck route to the north side of the existing road. **Both lanes for truck traffic will be open.**

(Anticipated Completion Date for Phase 3: end of December).



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